

For those of us attending our first Church Army conference it was a spiritual experience of tremendous magnitude. The sharing of worship, new ideas, common experiences and relaxation, made us more deeply aware that our Society is indeed a family within the wider family of the Church of God.

This awareness reached its climax on the last night of the conference when all present, to a greater or lesser degree, took part in the very ancient, yet very new, Healing Ministry of the Church.

**Jesus commanded His disciples, the forefathers of all faithful people, to Preach, to Teach and to Heal in His Name, Mark 16vv. 15-19. For many centuries the Church did all three and then slowly the Healing Ministry dropped out of common usage, until it was considered to be a phenomena of the early Church only. In more recent years people of all shades of christianity, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have brought the Healing Ministry back again to its proper and rightful place in the ministry of the Church.**

A man largely responsible for doing this in Sydney is **Canon Jim Glennon** of St. Andrew's Cathedral. He is well known in Australia and beyond for his contribution to the Healing Ministry and for the Wednesday evening services of healing at the Cathedral. It was the privilege of the Church Army to have him lead a number of sessions on the topic at the conference.

His quiet and dignified presentation of a vast and complex subject, did much to reveal the essence of the Healing Ministry as it really is, to those present who were either "in the dark" about it all, or who had serious doubts about its value. Even those of us who share or have shared in this ministry either in parishes or other situations, found further enlightenment as to the theology and practice of it.

With a conviction based on personal experience, Canon Glennon stressed again and again the fact that the key to the Healing Ministry is the "Prayer of Faith". The acceptance of healing here and now, not just a future hope.

At the conclusion of the last session, officers and others who have had personal experience of this ministry, then gave their testimony of its effect in

their lives. Then, like a spark in dry grass, the Spirit moved and a Healing Service was held then and there.

As various ones went forward either for themselves or on behalf of others, certain of those present laid their hands upon them and said the prayer of faith. The Holy Spirit was indeed in the midst of us that night, working through the faith of those present. The bond of unity in the Spirit that some of us felt was beyond any expression of human language.

**Many officers left the conference resolute in the conviction that God was calling them to exercise the Ministry of Healing in their respective fields of work.**

**May they be effective instruments for the glory of God and bring His Healing Touch to the souls, bodies and minds of those to whom they minister.**

## A Comment on Conference

### From a Church Army Wife

As I receive more blessings as a result of the experiences of conference, my reaction seems to broaden from just a personal uplift in faith and happiness to a knowledge of real purpose and direction from the Holy Spirit to our Society as a whole. I know that God has filled the hearts of each officer with renewed challenge and a clearer vision of what He expects of them in the work of His Kingdom.

As I write this I feel such warmth and inner conviction of our Lord, I just feel like praising Him over and over again. I was very conscious of Christ at work in our men and women at conference and I feel convinced that we will see some astounding results as an outcome of the build-up of faith that God bestowed upon us during our times of sharing in worship, study, thinking and family togetherness.



Opening our doors to married students in 1971 resulted in many changes at the Training College which enriched our experiences but, at the same time, caused a certain amount of adjustment and upheaval. We may have been forgiven for expecting to settle down in 1972 to enjoy some kind of established order and routine.

However, the 1972 Class of Students includes two Australian girls and the College has not been the same since. The healthy, homely smells of paint, cement, garden manure and fertilizers have been replaced by hair spray, talcum powder and perfumed soap and the earnest, subdued conversations of earlier days are now enlivened by the higher-pitched chatter from the Sister's quarters. But in more important areas of College life the impact is felt and heard and the discussions, seminars and assignments take on added interest as the Student/sisters make their contributions.

The Church Army has always trained both men and women and at the conclusion of College training women as well as men are Admitted to the Office of Lay Evangelist before being Commissioned as officers of the Church Army.

**It is important to keep in mind that the Church Army has been one of the pioneers of Women's Ministry in the Church.**

With four men and three women in training (this includes three students from New Zealand — two men and one woman) we are a more balanced community than last year and being prepared more effectively for service in a world where men and



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*Captain Frank Clarke*

women have equal rights and opportunities for ministry.

**Included in this term's course is Unit One of the Family Life Movement's seminars which our students will do alongside clergy and other fulltime Church workers, becoming involved in a ministry where both men and women are needed.**

All the students are assigned to regular Scripture Teaching classes. Two are teaching at the Manly-Warringah School for Crippled Children and the remainder at the French's Forest High School, another area of Church life where there are opportunities for both men and women.

The Church Army's long tradition of training and service for men and women of the Anglican Church, continues at the College at Belrose and we look forward to a year of involvement in the Church and the world as the Holy Spirit prepares us for the fulltime ministry of Evangelism.

*The two first year students tell of their experiences which led them to offer for Church Army training and service.*

### DISCIPLESHIP

I was converted two years ago and it was not until I understood that love of God necessitates obedience to God that I found the joy of being a disciple of Christ.

I wanted to serve Him,, so I prayed that He would show me how. A position in a children's home in Brisbane opened up. I was there for two years during which time I found how little I knew about sharing my faith.



## NEWS and NOTES . . .

### THANKS AND APPRECIATION:

**The Christmas Appeal:**— By the end of January the response had exceeded \$2,100 for which we were very grateful indeed. Will all our supporters who kindly indicated that they did not require a receipt for their gift, please accept this acknowledgement as a personal expression of thanks.

**Harvest Festival Goods:** The Training College has again received quantities of these goods from a number of Sydney parishes. We were very grateful for these and they were a welcome addition to the College supplies and a considerable saving on household expenses.

**H.M.S. Pinafore:** Our special thanks are due to Mrs. Helen Patrick, the cast of H.M.S. Pinafore and all our friends of St. Alban's, French's Forest and St. Stephen's, Belrose, for a half share of the proceeds from their recent performances of this well-known comic opera.

**Photographs:** On two occasions Mr. and Mrs. Bluett of the Four Seasons Nursery, Belrose, have kindly taken series of photographs of the College and students, and we were most grateful for this help.

**VISIT TO ENGLAND:** At the invitation of the English Church Army the Federal Secretary will be attending their Conference and then staying on for some weeks to see as much as possible of their work. The Australian Board has kindly agreed to this so Captain Gwilt will leave for England via Perth, W.A. on the 12th April, reaching London on the 15th April.

It is 23 years since the Federal Secretary left England to settle in Western Australia and this will be his first return visit and his first personal contact with the English Church Army.

Captain Gwilt and the Church Army Board see this visit as of great importance for the future development of the Australian Society's work.

**NEW APPOINTMENTS:** In the December "Pioneer" only four of the six new appointments of officers were mentioned, as the other two were not then finalised. These are Sister E. Campbell to the Riverwood parish in Sydney and Captain David Hinchliffe to the parish of Tumut in the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese.

### CHURCH ARMY PRAYER FELLOWSHIP:

Officers and friends in the Sydney area were invited to the launching of a Church Army Prayer Fellowship at the College on Wednesday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

It is hoped that this will become a regular monthly meeting when the prayer needs of individual officers and the general work of Society can be shared in a fellowship of Prayer and Praise.

### Looking to the future

Your Legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia \*

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and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

\* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

## 'Super Camp'

*This was one boy's reaction to the special camp for disabled children. Captain Rex Harris, who was the Camp Director, tells how it all began and what happened at the camp. On the next page, Miss Margaret Hope, Head Occupational Therapist for the N.S.W. Society for Crippled Children, gives her account of this "Super Camp".*

Well! How did it all begin? I was attending a lecture given by **Miss Margaret Hope**, the Head Occupational Therapist for the N.S.W. Society for Crippled Children. She told us of the needs of the children she was working with and some of the problems that they faced as they tried to assimilate into the outside world. She pleaded with those of us who were involved in Youth work to consider these young people and it was at this point that I felt that camping could, in some way, be an avenue through which these children could be helped. At the same time I realised that these children have as great a need of a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as any others and that through the camping programme this could be achieved by the Grace of God.

Little more was done until, one night, as a member of the Christian Camping Committee of the Diocese of Sydney, I happened to bring the matter forward and from this beginning, the camp took shape.

The camp was held at Blue Gum Lodge, some 35 miles from Sydney, at Springwood, in the Blue Mountains. This property was selected because of the large flat areas which surround it.

Next, the staff had to be found and God richly blessed us in guidance in this matter. With 48 campers, a staff of 40 was needed to cope with



the special needs of the children. This seems to be extravagant but we were soon to learn this was not so as all the staff were kept busy from morning till night. While some of the children were only mildly disabled, there were some who were severely handicapped. For example, there were 15 wheelchair cases. Some were not even able to turn over in bed without assistance and it was not unusual to be awakened at 3 a.m. by a plea from a child to "please turn me over" or, "please move my leg," or whatever the case may be.

Perhaps one could sum up the value of this camp by quoting the words of a mother who wrote to thank us for giving her daughter the opportunity of attending. She said, "My daughter has been attending her Church all her life and yet she has learned more in the time at camp, of the things of God, than in all those years."

We praise God for the opportunity of holding this camp for disabled children and I believe it will become a regular feature of the camping activities of the Diocese of Sydney.

(Captain Rex Harris).



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THE WORLD-WIDE CHURCH ARMY:

The Church Army was founded in England in 1882 by Prebendary Wilson Carlile. It is a lay society of men and women Evangelists of the Anglican Communion. Other autonomous societies were founded in the U.S.A. in 1927, Canada 1928, Australia 1934, New Zealand 1935, Eastern Africa 1962, Jamaica 1969. Officers from some of these societies are also at work in Germany, South America, Malaysia, and in South Africa.

WHERE WE SERVE . . .

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